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H/R: Meeting between Dr. Brueckner and []

On 15 June 1956 at 1400 [] using his true name, met Dr. Brueckner in 136 Administration Building to discuss legal ramifications of CI cases and any other subject which Brueckner might want to discuss. Brueckner had been told that [] was a specialist in the CI field and was especially knowledgeable on CI matters as set in a legal framework.

[] opening statements concerned laws in the United States which are invoked in the prosecution of espionage cases. He went into detail on Alien Agent Registration and the laws pertaining to this. He indicated that in this area prosecution of espionage cases was most successful. He pointed out that the sentences generally were not very heavy (2 to 3 years), but that such sentences interrupted the continuity of the work of an agent, and consequently such results were deemed quite satisfactory [] illustrated with a fictional case just how the law works.

Brueckner remarked that espionage cases in Germany were difficult to prosecute, and he saw the advantages of our Alien Registration law. Since [] had previously indicated that some of the material which he [] was presenting might also be presented when Brueckner had his talks with the FEI, Brueckner did not ask for details regarding the drawing of a case together prior to prosecution.

Brueckner said he would like to know more about our training facilities and techniques, if [] were able to tell him about them. [] said that we have various schools and courses whereby the training needs of each individual are eventually taken care of. Brueckner asked whether we had a combined intelligence school. [] said that there has been an effort to combine some of the military schools.

Brueckner asked how CIA recruits its personnel. He specifically asked whether we accept applications and if so, how we screen them. [] said that although we do accept applications, probably no more than one out of 50 makes the grade through this channel. The rest of CIA personnel are spotted and chosen through contacts in business and in colleges. [] briefly explained how our people are assessed, investigated, screened, etc. before being employed by CIA. Brueckner said that the SG accepts no applications, but that their personnel are all chosen via SG spotting.

Brueckner then asked [] about possible assistance which CIA might give him in the audio-aids field. He said that his eyes had been opened when he visited General Drskine, and that he was very anxious to obtain counter measure aid in the audio surveillance field. [] said that he was not too well informed in this field, but that he would check with other offices and try to determine just what we might be able to give Brueckner. He said he would endeavor to get an answer for Brueckner as quickly as possible--but that if he had not given Brueckner an answer before he departed that Brueckner should take the matter up with []

Brueckner asked specifically whether we had anyone in the German theater

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who might be able to give him assistance—or train some of his men—on this matter, since he regarded SG shortcomings in this field as a very serious matter. Horton said he did not know whether there were any audio-men in Europe, but that if some sort of training were necessary, and we had personnel and means to assist, that some program could be worked out.

[] suggested that maybe some assistance could be given via the 1290-D program, but Horton said that ICA was probably not the right avenue.

Brueckner asked whether we had much interchange of personnel between the various US intelligence services. He said that he felt that such a program would probably be very beneficial towards an understanding of the problems which beset each organization. Horton remarked that we often exchanged personnel with the military. He said that we very often have military persons on detached service, especially in special jobs, and that this program is very successful.

The meeting adjourned about 1545.